



State of Arizona
Department of Education

Coursework Requirements for the Middle Grade Content Areas (7-8)

Highly Qualified Criteria to Meet the 24 Credit Hour Requirements

Note: All coursework must be 100 level or above from an accredited institution of higher education.

Middle Grades Language Arts/Reading- A valid Elementary or Secondary Certificate with a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework in Language Arts/Reading. Courses may be accepted from the following areas:

Composition
English
Grammar
Linguistics
Literature
Reading (you may include a single methods class for this content area)

Middle Grades Social Studies- A valid Elementary or Secondary Certificate with a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework in Social Studies. ***Required: Must have at least 3 semester hours in 3 of the 4 content areas listed below:***

Economics
Geography
History
Political Science/Government

Middle Grades Mathematics- A valid Elementary or Secondary Certificate with a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework in Mathematics. Coursework will generally have a prefix of MA, MAT or MATH.

Middle Grades General Science- A valid Elementary or Secondary Certificate with 12 semester hours of Life Sciences and 12 semester hours of Physical/Earth/Space Sciences. Courses may be accepted from the categories below:

Life Sciences **(12 semester hours)**

Agriculture
Anatomy
Biology
Botany
Biochemistry
Ecology
Environmental Science
Microbiology
Physiology
Zoology
Kinesiology

Physical/Earth/Space Sciences **(12 semester hours)**

Astronomy
Chemistry
Earth Science
Geology
Meteorology
Physical Geography
Physics
Oceanography
Biochemistry
Physical Science

For further information or questions related to the 24 credit requirement, please contact the Effective Teachers & Leaders Unit at (602) 364-1842.